
**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE
28TH SESSION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION**

V3 May 2024

Date: 13-17 May 2024

Chairperson: Ms Jung-re Riley Kim (Rep. of Korea)

Vice Chairpersons: Mr Adam Ziyad (Maldives), Mr Qayiso Mketsu (South Africa)

- 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION**
- 2. LETTERS OF CREDENTIALS**
- 3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS**
- 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**
- 5. DETERMINATION OF THE STATUS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN THE IOTC**
- 6. UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION IN 2023 (S27) (IOTC-2024-S28-02)**
- 7. AMENDMENTS TO THE IOTC RULES OF PROCEDURE**
- 8. REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (IOTC-2024-SC26-R)**
 - 8.1. Overview of the 2023 SC26 Report (SC Chairperson)
 - 8.2. Discussion on any related conservation and management measures
- 9. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**
 - 9.1. Current Conservation and Management Measures that require action by the Commission in 2024
PropT - On the promotion of the implementation of IOTC conservation and management measures (cf Res 14/01, Res 16/10) – South Africa
 - 9.2. Review of objections received under Article IX.5 of the IOTC Agreement (IOTC-2024-S28-04)
 - 9.3. Proposals for new or revised Conservation and Management Measures

Tropical Tuna

PropU - On an interim yellowfin tuna rebuilding plan (cf Res 21/01) – Pakistan, South Africa and Iran

PropM - On establishing a fishing closure in the Indian ocean for the conservation of tropical tunas (cf Res 23/03) – European Union

DFADs

PropR - On management of drifting fish aggregating devices (DFADs) in the IOTC area of competence (cf. Res 19/02) – (Indonesia, Pakistan, Somalia and South Africa)

PropA. On management of drifting fish aggregating devices (DFADs) in the IOTC area of competence (cf Res 19/02) – Korea

PropK – On management of drifting fish aggregating devices (FADS) in the IOTC area of competence (cf Res 19/02) - European Union

PropE - On the biodegradability of drifting fish aggregating devices (DFADs) in the IOTC area of competence – European Union

HSBI

PropL – On a high seas boarding and inspection scheme – European Union

IUU

PropW – On measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (cf 07/01 and 18/03) – Somalia

PropX - To promote compliance by nationals of contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties with IOTC conservation and management measures (cf Res 07/01) – United Kingdom

PropF - On establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the IOTC area of competence (cf Res 18/03) – China

Transshipment

PropD. On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels (cf Res 23/05) – Korea

PropN - On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels (cf 23/05) – Japan

PropS - On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels (cf. Res 23/05) (Indonesia)

Regional Observer

PropI – On a regional observer scheme (cf 22/04) - European Union

Sharks

PropV – On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC (cf Res 12/09, 13/05, 13/06, 17/05 and 18/02) – Maldives and Pakistan

PropJ – On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC (cf Res 17/05) - European Union

Catch and Effort Reporting

PropO – Mandatory statistical reporting requirements for IOTC contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties (CPCS)(cf Res 15/02) - Seychelles

PropP - On the recording and reporting of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC area of competence (cf Res 15/01)- Seychelles

Ecosystem and Bycatch

PropB. On climate change as it relates to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (cf Res 22/01) – Korea

PropC. On conservation and management on marine pollution – Korea

PropQ - On a ban on discards of bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, and non-targeted species caught by vessels in the IOTC record of authorisation that operate in the iotc area of competence - Seychelles

10. REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION CRITERIA (IOTC-2023-TCAC12-R)

10.1. Overview of the TCAC12 Report (TCAC Chairperson)

10.2. Future Direction of the TCAC

- IOTC-2024-S28-07 - Working towards further progress on the development of an allocation of fishing opportunities for IOTC species (South Africa)

10.3. Election of TCAC Chair

11. REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

11.1. Overview of the TCMP07 and TCMP08 Reports (TCMP Chairpersons)

PropG - On a management procedure for swordfish in the IOTC area of competence – Australia

PropH – On a management procedure for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence (cf Res 21/03) - European Union

12. REPORT OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (IOTC-2024-CoC21-R)

12.1. Overview of the CoC21 Report (CoC Chairperson)

12.2. Adoption of the List of IUU Vessels

12.3. Requests for accession to the status of Cooperating non-Contracting Party

12.4. Review of CPCs Compliance Reports

13. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE (IOTC-2024-SCAF21-R)

13.1. Overview of the SCAF21 Report (SCAF Chairperson)

13.2. SCAF feedback on draft rules of Procedure for the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund

13.3. Adoption of the Programme of Work and Budget of the Commission (see also IOTC-2024-SCAF21-08)

13.4. Schedule of meetings for 2025-2026

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1. Cooperation with other organisations and institutions (IOTC-2024-S28-05)

14.2. Proposal for a Code of Conduct for IOTC Meetings (IOTC-2024-S28-06)

14.3. Date and place of the first session of the Working Party on Socio Economics

14.4. Date and place of the 29th Session of the Commission and the meetings of its associated subsidiary bodies in 2025

15. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 28th SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Indicative Schedule at a Glance

* marked in blue are papers (proposals, working papers) submitted by Members

	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17
9:00-10:30	1. Opening 2. Letter of Credentials 3. Admission of Observers 4. Adoption of Agenda and Arrangements for the session	9.3 Proposals ▪ DFADs (R, A, K, E) continued 9.3 Proposals ▪ HSBI (L) ▪ IUU (W, X, F)	11. Overview of TCMP Prop G, H	13.1 SCAF21 Report 13.2 SCAF feedback on RoP for MPF	14.2 Cooperation with other organizations
10:30-11:00	Tea break	Tea break / SWGs	Tea break / SWGs	Tea break	Tea break
11:00-12:30	5. Determination of the UK Membership status 6. Update on the implementation of S27 decisions 7. Amendments to the IOTC ROP	9.3 Proposals ▪ Transshipment(D, N, S) ▪ Regional Observer(I)	10.1 Overview of TCAC12 10.2 TCAC future direction ▪ WP07 on working towards allocation progress 10.3 TCAC chair election	14.1 Proposal for a Code of Conduct	Outstanding issues
12:30-2:00	Lunch break / SWGs	Lunch break / SWGs	Lunch break / SWGs	Lunch break / SWGs	Lunch break / SWGs
2:00-3:30	8. Report of the SC26 9.1 current CMMs ▪ Prop T 9.2 Review of Objections	9.3 Proposals ▪ Sharks (V, J) ▪ C&E Reporting(O, P)	10.3 TCAC chair election(continued) 12.1 CoC 21 report 12.2 IUU List	Outstanding issues	Outstanding issues 13.3 Adoption of budget
3:30-4:00	Tea break / SWGs	Tea break / SWGs	Tea break / SWGs	Tea break / SWGs	Tea break / SWGs
4:00-6:00	9.3 Proposals ▪ YFT (U, M) ▪ DFADs (R, A, K, E)	9.3 Proposals ▪ Ecosystem and bycatch (B, C, Q)	12.3 CNCP status 12.4 Compliance Report	Outstanding issues	13.4, 14.3 and 14.4 schedule of meetings
evening	Dinner Reception by the Host 6:30	Extended session or SWGs	Extended session or SWGs	Extended session or SWGs	Potential extended session